

I know not all Thai politicians and officials agree with Mr. Thaksin's heavy-handed approach to the media. And I know that the people of Thailand, while deeply concerned about the economy, do not want to lose the freedoms they enjoy. They are keenly aware of the plight of their more unfortunate neighbors in Burma, Cambodia, and Laos.

This brouhaha was completely unnecessary, and was pre-empted, as an editorial in the Wall Street Journal earlier this week pointed out, by Prime Minister Thaksin's "thin skin." Mr. Thaksin needs to abandon his efforts to control the press and concentrate instead on leading his country. I find it hard to believe that the Prime Minister is only discovering that politics is a contact sport.

I encourage my colleagues to continue to follow events in Thailand, and I extend my appreciation to the Senator from North Carolina for speaking forcefully on this issue early this week. I add my voice to the growing chorus of concern.●

#### MIAMI HURRICANES 2001 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPS

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, I rise today to welcome the 2001 University of Miami Hurricanes' baseball team to Washington, DC. In June of last year the Hurricanes won their fourth national championship, beating the Stanford Cardinal in the College World Series.

They are joined on their trip to Washington by the school's football team, who you may remember won the 2001 national football championship with a stunning victory in the 88th Rose Bowl. The efforts of both teams are being recognized with ceremonies at the White House, as well as here on Capitol Hill.

The Hurricanes' baseball team completed its stellar year with a 17-game winning streak, and became the 18th team to go undefeated in the College World Series. With a solid line-up from top to bottom, first-rate pitching, and some of the best all-around talent in all of college baseball, the University of Miami capped its season by beating Stanford 12-1.

It is my pleasure to congratulate head coach Jim Morris for his second national title in three years, and I'd like to recognize the senior starters on this team that has meant so much to the University of Miami.

Pitcher Tom Farmer finished the year 15-2, and won the final game, scattering a run and four hits over 5½ innings.

First baseman Kevin Brown also had a great Series, batting .467, hitting three home runs and leading the team with a home run, a double and 5 RBI in the final game.

Senior center fielder Charlton "Chewy" Jimerson, also had a great Series, being voted the Most Outstanding Player, and showing the coun-

try what the University of Miami already knew.

Finally, Greg Lovelady, who caught both the 1999 and 2001 national title games for the Hurricanes, will be staying with the team as an assistant coach. I know his experience will be an asset that Miami teams will benefit from for years to come.

I am proud to welcome these scholar athletes on behalf of all Floridians, and to congratulate the University of Miami for its excellence both on and off the field.

I ask consent to have printed in the RECORD the starting lineup of this championship team.

The lineup follows:

#### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HURRICANES BASEBALL TEAM LINEUP

Charlton Jimerson, Centerfield;  
Mike Rodriguez, Leftfield;  
Javy Rodriguez, Shortstop;  
Danny Matienzo, Designated Hitter;  
Kevin Howard, Third Base;  
Kevin Mannix, Right Field;  
Kevin Brown, First Base;  
Kris Clute, Second Base;  
Greg Lovelady, Catcher;  
Tom Farmer, Pitcher; and  
Jim Morris, Head Coach.●

#### HONORING ROBERT HODGES

● Mr. HELMS. Madam President, this past Friday, March 8, the Department of Veterans Affairs paid special tribute to Robert Hodges of Stonewall, NC, in a ceremony in Pamlico County where Mr. Hodges was officially recognized and honored as the Nation's oldest veteran.

Family records disclose that Mr. Hodges was born June 18, 1891, confirming that he is almost 111 years old. The grandson of slaves, Robert Hodges grew up on a large farm; he began working when he was 8 or 9 years old. Mr. Hodges was 27 when he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army in 1918. As one of 237,000 African-American stevedores, he served 1 year in France.

After his discharge, he returned to North Carolina and to his parents' farm. He married Malinda Boyd in 1924; eventually they saved enough money to buy their own farm. Along with their eight children, they continued to work the farm until failing eyesight caused him to retire in the 1950s, but he continued being an active member of his church, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, and his community.

During his 111 years, he was aware of the first flight at Kitty Hawk and of Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon. There have been 20 U.S. Presidents during his lifetime.

I was represented at this ceremony by Kelly Spearman, a very fine member of the Helms Senate Family. Mrs. Spearman presented Mr. Hodges an American flag which was flown over the Capitol in his honor.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOANNE GLASSER

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, today I rise to pay tribute to Eastern

Kentucky University's 10th president, Joanne Glasser. Ms. Glasser was officially inaugurated as the University's first female president, and I would like to join Eastern Kentucky University in welcoming her to the Kentucky academic community.

Ever since she graduated from high school in 1969, Joanne Glasser has been steadily on the rise. She received her bachelor of arts from George Washington University in 1973 and a J.D. shortly after from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1976. Most recently, she received a certificate from Harvard Graduate School in 1999. Besides her many educational achievements, Ms. Glasser has had a stellar career as a public servant for the State of Maryland and now the commonwealth of Kentucky.

After completing law school, Ms. Glasser accepted a job as a law clerk for the State of Maryland, Baltimore County, and eventually became the Assistant County Attorney for Baltimore County. She next moved on to become the Baltimore County Labor Commissioner for 6 years. Before joining the administrative team at Eastern, Ms. Glasser worked at Towson University in Maryland, where her hard work and persistent personality eventually earned her a promotion to executive vice president. In October 2001, Eastern Kentucky University gladly invited Ms. Glasser into their family.

Since her arrival, Ms. Glasser's personal style and energy has been a motivating force on the campus and the streets of Richmond. She has made it her mission to be personally involved not only with the everyday dealings of the students and faculty but also with local leaders. She rightly understands that a university exists to serve the needs of its students and surrounding community. If a decision does not fit their needs, it simply will not be made. Joanne Glasser is fully committed to leading Eastern Kentucky University forward into the 21st century and her actions prove as much. By relating on a personal level with the students and community, she will gain an understanding of where to focus her prodigious talents. She is devoted to doing her best for the students and faculty at Eastern Kentucky University. I am very pleased in the immediate impact Joanne Glasser has made and look forward to watching how high she can take the University.

I congratulate Ms. Glasser on her inauguration and applaud her efforts toward a brighter future for Kentucky.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 8, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of